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For: DIAGNOSTIC METHOD FOR DISEASES	:	Gary W. Counts
BY SCREENING FOR HEPcidIN IN HUMAN	:	
OR ANIMAL TISSUES, BLOOD OR BODY	:	
FLUIDS AND THERAPEUTIC USES THEREFOR :	:	
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 14, 2009, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendment to the specification** begins on page 2.

**Amendment to the claims** begins on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.